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1. RECENT ODENVY REPORTS INDICATE MAJOR EFFORT MADE BY VARIOUS PBPRIME ARMS DEALERS TO OBTAIN 22 P-51'S AND 25 AT-6'S PLUS LARGE AMOUNTS SMALL ARMS FOR WSBURNT. FUNDING TO HAVE BEEN FROM WSBURNT AIR FORCE CHIEF TO WSBURNT CONSUL LOS ANGELES TO FOREIGN NATIONAL ARMS DEALER IN L. A. FOR WHOM PURCHASE WOULD BE MADE BY [redacted] AND [redacted]

2. SOURCE OF ARMS AS FOLLOWS:

A. LEND LEASE P-51'S IN FRANCE TO BE BOUGHT BY [redacted] WHO HAS VERBAL OPTION.

B. LEND LEASE AT-6'S IN RHODESIA ALREADY [redacted] BY [redacted]

C. AMMO, MCN GUNS, AND RIFLES TO BE OBTAINED BY [redacted] FROM ISRAEL THROUGH LONDON CONTACTS, OR DIRECT FROM [redacted] ARMS PILE IN ISRAEL.

3. DELIVERY ~~XXXX~~ PLANNED AS FOLLOWS:

A. P-51'S TO BE SOLD BY [redacted] WITH LEGIT PBPRIME EXPORT LICENSE TO DOMINICANS WHO WOULD SELL EQUAL NUMBER THEIR OWN P-51'S TO HIM. HE WOULD THEN SHIP TO COSTA RICA FOR OVERHAULING AND FERRYING TO WSBURNT.

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B. AT-6'S TO BE SHIPPED RHODESIA-COSTA RICA DIRECT FOR OVERHAULING.

C. ARMS TO BE SHIPPED ON [redacted] SHIP AND TRANSFERRED ON HIGH SEAS TO WSBURNT SHIP.

4. [redacted] LANKING "PAYOFF" TO GDACID OFFICIAL FOR NECESSARY EXPORT LICENSES. [redacted] CLAIMED "PAY OFF" TO PBPRIME POLITICAL PARTY/OFFICIAL COULD ACCOMPLISH SAME. [redacted] AND [redacted] POSSIBLY DOUBLE-CROSSING EACH OTHER, BOTH TRYING TO HANDLE DEAL WITH FOREIGN NATIONAL AIRCRAFT PARTS BROKER WHO BACKED OUT LATE FEB AND [redacted] 12-13 MARCH.

5. INSTIGATORS WERE [redacted] AND [redacted] WHO BASED PLAN ON KNOWLEDGE WSBURNT AIR FORCE CHIEF HAD BEEN IN LOS ANGELES DEC 53 TRYING AND FAILING BUY OVERTLY WITH ALLEGED AMOUNT $500,000 AND $3,455,000 LETTER OF CREDIT.

6. INFORMANT SAID [redacted] 27 JAN WHEN LATTER PHONED WSBURNT AIR CHIEF WHO ACCEPTED DEAL NEXT DAY BY CABLE. [redacted] MAY HAVE GONE TO WSBURNT TO SIGN CONTRACT [redacted] WSBURNT CONSUL L.A. CLAIMED LATE FEB TO HAVE $500,000 READY TO DELIVER TO HIM.

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7. APPARENT REASON FOR USE [redacted] GO BETWEEN WAS THAT IT WAS KNOWN PBPRIME EXPORT LICENSES WOULD NOT BE GRANTED FOR LEND LEASE AIRCRAFT DELIVERY TO WSBURNT, AND [redacted] BROUGHT IN ON ALLEGED ADVICE UNNAMED ODACID OFFICIAL, WHO WOULD ARRANGE GRANTING OF LICENSES, THAT FOREIGN NATIONAL WOULD BE BEST TO USE AS OSTENSIBLE PURCHASER.

8. SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEWS BY ODENVY WITH [redacted] AND [redacted] REVEALED THEY ALL AWARE SUCH A "POSSIBILITY" BUT DISCLAIMED ALL KNOWLEDGE SPECIFIC DEAL OR INTENTIONS SUPPLY ARMS COVERTLY TO WSBURNT. THEY POINTED OUT DIFFICULTY EXPORT LICENSE SUCH AN "ALLEGED" DEAL, AND DISCLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE BRIBES. MATTER NOWPENDING WITH CRIMINAL DIVISION.

9. [redacted] STATED AT-6'S SOLD TO [redacted] AND ARE NOW LOCATED AT INTN'L AIRPORT MIAMI. [redacted] STATES P-51'S STILL IN FRANCE IN POSSESSION FRENCH GOVT. HOWEVER, [redacted] "NEW PLAN" WAS TO GET AUSTRALIAN LEND LEASE P-51'S THROUGH [redacted]

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[redacted] AND SHIP VIA [redacted] SHIP WHICH WOULD BE DIVERTED ENROUTE AND SENT DIRECT TO WSBURNT.

10. ABOVE IS GIST OF 115 PAGE REPORT CONSISTING 8 SEPARATE REPORTS. WILL ADVISE FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AS OBTAINED.

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